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EXPRESS BUSES

*737. [21] **Sri. Eapen Arakkal:** Will the Hon'ble Minister for Public Works and Communications be pleased to state are express (transport) buses entitled to any special preference to the use of Landing Craft at the ferry at Aroor?

Minister for Education, Food and Labour (Sri. T. K. Narayana Pillai):

Preference to the express buses without holding up other vehicles is arranged.

Sri. Eapen Arakkal: Are the Government aware that express buses are held up for more than an hour some times?

Sri. T. K. Narayana Pillai: Sometimes it may occur.

Sri. Eapen Arakkal: When a passenger books a ticket for the express bus so as to reach a place at a particular time, is there not an implied contract on the part of the Government to extend facilities of the landing craft at the ferry?

Sri. T. K. Narayana Pillai: There is an implied contract in respect of the private buses also.

Sri. Eapen Arakkal: Are the Government aware that at the ferry these express buses are liable to be held up for a very long time?

Sri. T. K. Narayana Pillai: It may occur occasionally.

Sri. Eapen Arakkal: Will the Government be pleased to give preference to express buses?

(No answer).

Mr. Speaker: Next question.

ACCIDENT

*738. [22] **Sri. Eapen Arakkal:** Will the Hon'ble Minister for Public Works and Communications be pleased to state.—

(a) whether any enquiry has been conducted with respect to the recent boat accident in Vembanad lake when several lives were lost by the boat going on fire;

(b) who conducted the enquiry; has any report been submitted;

(c) what are the findings in the report; and

(d) has any action been taken in the matter?

Chief Minister (Sri. C. Kesavan):

(a) & (b) An enquiry is being conducted by the District Magistrate, Quilon. His report has not been received.

(c) & (d) Do not arise.

Sri. Eapen Arakkal: Was it brought to the notice of the Government that the breaking out of the fire was due to the careless handling of the boat?

Sri. C. Kesavan: I am not sure. The enquiry is proceeding.

Sri. Eapen Arakkal: May I know the date on which the officer was appointed to enquire into the matter?

Sri. C. Kesavan: I cannot say the exact date. It was about a month ago. About thirty witnesses have been examined. The enquiry is still proceeding.

SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY

*739. [23] **Sri. Eapen Arakkal:** Will the Hon'ble Minister for Public Works be pleased to state,—